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3. [REDACTED] Briefed Edward Bauser, Executive Director, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, regarding a significant and sensitive item on the Middle East.

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4. [REDACTED] Lunched with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and filled him in on a sensitive item on the developments in the Middle East. He arranged a date with me and Senator Stennis for later in the day and also suggested that I brief Senator Symington on the same matter.

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5. [REDACTED] Met with Senator Stuart Symington and briefed him on the above noted sensitive developments in the Middle East. He was initially highly skeptical and suspicious that the Defense Department was trying to "panic" the community. During the course of our conversation, I told him of the highly critical press attack on Mr. Helms, in connection with his testimony regarding the Watergate incident and asked if he would agree to release a letter he had written to the Congressional Quarterly giving Walters and Helms a clean bill of health. He said he would like to help, but did not want to get any more involved than he was already.

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6. [REDACTED] Met with Senator John Stennis and briefed him on the sensitive item on the Middle East. I told him that Senator Symington was pressing for a Committee hearing on the Middle East, including intelligence failures and other matters in which we were involved, on Tuesday, 6 November 1973. Stennis confessed that his health really did not permit him to chair the Committee hearing, and he would try to influence Symington to limit the briefing to the Agency Subcommittee only.

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7. [REDACTED] Picked up from the office of Representative Lester Wolff (D., N. Y.) a personal letter for the Director.

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8. [REDACTED] Briefed John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee, on what we knew of the possibility of additional unidentified personnel being held by the Communists in Indochina, explaining the sensitivity of this subject.

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